

# A PROCLAMATION

*For a Solemn Day of Humiliation.*



**I L L I A M** by the grace of God, King of *Great-Britain, France and Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, To

Macers of Our Privy Coun-

cil, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, Conjun-  
ctly & Severally, Specially, Constitute, Greeting: For as much  
as We and Our People have just reason to apprehend the severe

rest Judgments of Almighty God, whose Clemency and Goodness We have abused to his dishonour; which Consideration hath also moved the Commission of the late General Assembly to Address the Lords of Our Privy Council; That a Day of Humiliation may be appointed and kept for these Causes; Therefore We with Advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council Command and Appoint a Day of solemn Humiliation and Prayer to be observed throughout the whole Kingdom upon the Days following, *viz.* within the town of *Edinburgh, Leith, Cannongate*, and the Paroch of *West-Kirk* upon the Lords Day next, the fifteenth Day of *March* Current; and in all the rest of the Paroch-Churches upon this side of *Tay* upon the Lords Day the twenty second Day of the said Month of *March*, and in all the other Paroch-Churches within this Kingdom upon the Lords Day being the twenty ninth Day of the said Month of *March*. Upon which Days of solemn Humiliation and Prayer respective foresaids, We and Our People are to express our deep sense of Our Ingratitude for Our former Deliverances, and Our grateful Acknowledgements of the signal Providence of God, in Discovering and Defeating the Treacherous Attempts on Our Royal Person; and to deprecate the Wrath of God, and implore his Assistance against all Forraign Invasion, and intestine Commotions, which Days respective foresaids, We with Advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, Require and Command to be Religiously and Seriously observed by all ranks and degrees of People, by Preaching and other acts of Devotion to be done and performed in all the Churches of this Kingdom, upon the occasion and for the Causes foresaids. **OUR WILL IS HEREOF**, and We Charge you strictly and Command, That incontinent, thir Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-Cross of *Edinburgh*, and remanent Mercat-Crosses of the haill Head burghs of the severall Shires and Stewartries within this Kingdom, and there in Our Name and Authority make intimation hereof, that none pretend Ignorance: And appoints Our Soliciter to transmit Printed Copies hereof to the Sheriff and Stewart Clerks of the haill Sheriffdoms and Stewartries within this Kingdom with Coppies to be transmitted by the said Sheriff and Stewart Clerks to the Ministers of the severall Paroches within their bounds; And Ordains this Proclamation to be Intimat in the Paroch Churches of *Edinburgh, Cannongate, Leith*, and *West-Kirk* upon *Thursday* next: And Ordains the Magistrats of *Edinburgh, Cannongate, Leith*, and *West-port* to make Intimation of the same within their respective Bounds, by beating of Drums in these Places upon *Fryday* next; And Ordains the Sheriff and Stewart Clerks of all other Places within this Kingdom to cause publish this Proclamation at the respective Mercat-Crosses within their Bounds, and the Ministers to cause Read the same at their Paroch-Churches upon the Lords Day immediatly preceeding the Days Above-appointed; And Ordains these presents to be Printed.

*Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh the tenth day of March, and of Our Reign the seventh Year 1696.*



*Per actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.*  
*GLLB. ELIOT. Cls. Sti. Concilii*

**GOD SAVE THE KING.**